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### **Chairman Davis Applauds Passage of Federal Pay Resolution as ‘Important Victory for Federal Workers’**

*House of Representatives Goes on Record With Its Desire for Federal Civilian Employees to Get 3.5 Percent Pay Raise*

**Washington, D.C.** – Tom Davis (R-VA), chairman of the House Committee on Government Reform, issued the following statement today on the passage of H. Res. 581, which is a Sense of Congress resolution stating that federal civilian employees should receive a pay raise of 3.5 percent in 2005. The House resolution passed today by a commanding vote of 300-125. The Senate has already approved similar language in its fiscal 2005 budget resolution.

**“I am extremely pleased that my colleagues recognized the important role our federal employees play in protecting the homeland, fighting crime, battling disease and otherwise providing services to the American people. I am thankful that House Members understand that the federal government cannot compete in the war for talent without paying sufficient salaries to its core asset – its people.”**

**“It is only right that our civilian employees receive a meaningful pay raise, and it is appropriate that Congress has kept to its long tradition of giving the same pay raise to military and civilian workers. Today’s vote is not only an important victory for federal workers – it is also a historic day for all of us who care about the federal family. By having an up-or-down floor vote on this matter, we have seen an unprecedented expression of the House’s will that we should reward our dedicated employees with a suitable pay raise.**

**“I want to thank Congressmen Frank Wolf, Steny Hoyer and Jim Moran for working with me to get this resolution to the floor and to make sure our colleagues knew the significance of this vote.”**

The President’s fiscal 2005 budget called for a 1.5 percent pay raise for federal civilian employees. With the House and Senate both on record favoring a 3.5 percent pay increase for all federal workers, military and civilian, Chairman Davis is confident that the will of Congress will prevail in budget negotiation.

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